



# Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 13 September 2005

Current  
Nationwide  
Threat Level is

**ELEVATED**  
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF  
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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## Daily Highlights

- The Los Angeles Times reports a wide-ranging power outage, set off when a cable was accidentally cut, darkened large sections of downtown Los Angeles and many parts of the San Fernando Valley for a couple hours shortly after noon. (See item [2](#))
- The Associated Press reports that three people face identity theft charges posing as representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and trying to get personal information from Hurricane Katrina evacuees at a Mississippi shelter. (See item [9](#))

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## Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) –

<http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *September 12, San Francisco Business Times* — **Utility adding new pipeline to guard against levee failure.** Pacific Gas & Electric Co. is starting work on a new \$30 million major natural gas pipeline in the Delta to keep supplies flowing if a levee failure ever cripples its existing line. The "57c" 24-inch pipeline will start at the San Francisco utility's natural gas storage site on McDonald Island, outside of Stockton, CA, and run 6.2 miles west to a connection with the company's existing "57b" pipeline. "We're running a spur around what is currently the most vulnerable part of the line," said PG&E spokesperson Jason Alderman. The existing pipeline runs right next to a levee. If the line were damaged, the utility said, many customers in the Sacramento and San Francisco Bay areas could lose natural gas service. The project was

launched after a 2004 Delta levee break, Alderman said, and not prompted by the devastation caused to New Orleans and other Gulf Coast cities by Hurricane Katrina two weeks ago.

Source: [http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/stories/2005/09/12/daily6.html?from\\_rss=1](http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/stories/2005/09/12/daily6.html?from_rss=1)

2. *September 12, Los Angeles Times* — **Large portion of Los Angeles loses power.** A wide-ranging power outage, set off when a cable was accidentally cut, darkened large sections of downtown Los Angeles and many parts of the San Fernando Valley for a couple hours shortly after noon, authorities said. Two million customers were affected before most power was restored about 2 p.m. During the blackout, elevators stalled, traffic lights either went out or burned steadily green, and teachers tried to soothe worried schoolchildren. Ron Deaton, head of the city Department of Water and Power, said at one point two of the city's four power generating stations in the Los Angeles Basin had shut down. Deaton said two stations that receive power from the generators malfunctioned as a result of the severed cable. Results then cascaded throughout DWP's massive system, automatically shutting down the plants. Two of the three generating plants were restarted by 2 p.m., leaving workers to fan out across the city and restore power in individual neighborhoods. LAPD headquarters and City Hall in downtown were also without power at times this afternoon. Hospitals across Los Angeles reported power outages but all said their emergency generators immediately kicked in. Patient care was not disrupted. The outage forced the abrupt shutdown of five oil refineries in the Harbor area, leading to heavy smoke and flames visible for miles.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power: <http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/homepage.jsp>

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-power13sep13.0.1192306.story?coll=la-home-headlines>

3. *September 11, Associated Press* — **Much of Gulf of Mexico oil still blocked.** Over 120 Gulf of Mexico oil and gas platforms were still shut down Saturday, September 10, and nearly 60 percent of the gulf's normal daily oil production remained blocked from the market because of evacuations due to Hurricane Katrina, a federal agency said. Following a survey of 56 energy companies, the Minerals Management Service reported that 122 of the 819 staffed platforms in the gulf were shut down, blocking 897,605 barrels or 59.8 percent of the Gulf's normal daily production of 1.5 million barrels. The shutdowns also blocked 3.8 billion barrels of natural gas from market, or 38.2 percent of the gulf's normal daily gas production of 10 billion cubic feet, the agency said. Since Katrina first threatened the gulf on August 26, 17.1 million barrels of oil and 84.2 billion cubic feet of gas have been shut in, the agency said. Normally, the Gulf of Mexico produces 547.5 million barrels of oil and 3.65 trillion cubic feet of gas annually.

Minerals Management Service: <http://www.mms.gov/>

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/09/10/AR2005091001066.html>

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## **Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector**

4. *September 12, Associated Press* — **Ammonia leak prompts evacuations in Alabama.** A pair of ammonia leaks at two north Alabama businesses prompted small evacuations and injured four people, none seriously. Authorities said one leak was detected early Sunday, September 11, at a Pilgrim's Pride chicken processing plant in Athens, AL, was the result of someone

apparently trying to steal ammonia from the factory. Two people suffered from irritated eyes, and six homes were evacuated. The second leak occurred Sunday afternoon in Decatur, AL, when a pressurized line failed at Milk Products of Alabama. Two police officers who directed traffic away from the area complained of burning eyes and breathing difficulties. Decatur Fire Battalion Chief Russell Johnson said two teams of firefighters dressed in Hazmat suits secured the leaking tanks. "The ammonia boils at negative 28 degrees," Johnson said. "Due to the heat today, the pressure built up and the expansion blew the pop-off valve, spilling a very, very small quantity."

Source: <http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/mld/ledgerenquirer/news/local/12626147.htm>

5. *September 12, Agence France–Presse* — **Chemical plant explosion in South Carolina kills one, hospitalizes 13, and prompts evacuations.** One employee was killed and another 13 people were hospitalized on Monday, September 12, after an explosion at a chemical plant in South Carolina, forcing the evacuation of local schools and homes as a precaution, local officials said. According to Michael Hildebrand, spokesperson for Greenville county, SC, two contractors, one of which is now deceased, were apparently welding the upper section of an empty tank when an explosion occurred. Although it appeared no contaminants had been released, two additional employees of the plant and 10 emergency workers were also taken to hospital and placed under observation.

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050912/ts\\_alt\\_afp/usplantchemical\\_050912204111;\\_ylt=At5Cc0.UFOK0WpAMcR1pJUXYa7gF;\\_ylu=X3oDMTBiMW04NW9mBHNIYwMIJVRPUCU](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050912/ts_alt_afp/usplantchemical_050912204111;_ylt=At5Cc0.UFOK0WpAMcR1pJUXYa7gF;_ylu=X3oDMTBiMW04NW9mBHNIYwMIJVRPUCU)

6. *September 11, KHOU 11 News (TX)* — **Chemical leak in Texas forces shelter-in-place order for local residents.** Residents in La Porte, TX, Saturday, September 10, were ordered to stay inside their homes after a chemical leak occurred at the nearby PPG plant at 2 p.m CST. A plant spokesperson said employees were neutralizing materials when a valve reportedly over-pressurized, causing 3,500 gallons of water-diluted hydrochloric acid to leak. There was very little damage to the valve, but concern about the air flowing into neighboring homes led to a shelter-in-place order. The spokesperson said some of the hydrochloric acid might have spilled into the plant's water supply; the water was treated and was reportedly no threat to the neighborhood. The shelter in place order was lifted after about two hours.

Source: [http://www.khou.com/topstories/stories/khou050911\\_gj\\_shelter\\_inplace.499e4e79.html](http://www.khou.com/topstories/stories/khou050911_gj_shelter_inplace.499e4e79.html)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

7. *September 12, Vnunet.com* — **Phishers target Internet Service Provider.** CompuServe subscribers are being targeted in a phishing scam based on a spoofed e-mail message claiming that their CompuServe account has expired and will be frozen if their account information is not

updated. The spoofed e-mail includes a link to a U.S.-based phishing site that attempts to collect the user's screen name, password, billing address and credit card information.

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2142186/compuserve-targeted-phishers>

8. *September 10, The Plain Dealer (OH)* — **Student, faculty data on stolen computers.** Two Ohio universities are investigating computer thefts that may lead to persons becoming victims of identity theft. Kent State University officials are alerting more than 100,000 students and professors that several computers stolen from campus may contain personal information about them. Names, Social Security numbers and student grades were on the computers. The information, which goes back to 2000 for students and faculty and 2002 for instructors, is in a database the college uses to plan commencement lists, class rolls, instructor assignments and other functions. Spokesperson Ron Kirksey said the information is password-protected and not easily accessible, however, the university is alerting students and faculty about the breach as a precaution. Also, Cleveland State University is still investigating the June theft of a laptop that contained personal information for 44,420 former and prospective students. In that case, the information included names and Social Security numbers going back as far as four years. Spokesperson Brian Johnston said the university is not aware of anyone reporting fraudulent use of stolen information.

Source: <http://www.cleveland.com/news/plaindealer/index.ssf?/base/po rtage/112634472112790.xml&coll=2>

9. *September 10, Associated Press* — **Three charged with identity theft at hurricane shelter.** Three people from New Orleans face identity theft charges in Mississippi after trying to get personal information from Hurricane Katrina evacuees at a shelter in Laurel, MS. Jones County Sheriff Larry Dykes said Saturday, September 10, that the trio posed as representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to try to get personal information from some of the more than 1,700 people from the Mississippi Gulf Coast and Louisiana at the Magnolia Center, a multipurpose venue in Laurel used for concerts and horse shows. Edward Charles Francis Jr., 44; Michelle Davis, 39; and Danielle Marie Doyle, 36, were arrested this Monday, September 5, and charged with identity theft, Dykes said. Dykes said the three asked refugees at the shelter for their names, dates of birth and Social Security numbers.

Source: <http://www.nola.com/newsflash/louisiana/index.ssf?/base/news -19/112638744339001.xml&storylist=louisiana>

10. *September 09, Computer Weekly* — **UK public wary of online retail fraud.** More than half of the UK public fear becoming a victim of online crime and do not believe online retailers are doing enough to combat card fraud. Just 17% of people believe online retailers are “doing a lot” to tackle fraud and identity theft, according to a study from fraud prevention firm eFunds Payment Solutions. The ratings were better for banks, with 30% of those surveyed saying they were acting to prevent the problem. “This is a big challenge for the whole e-commerce industry, from card issuers to banks and retailers to the police. [Scammers] share information and ‘best practices’ and the e-commerce industry needs to do the same if they want to protect the public and ultimately their profits,” said Alan Smith of eFunds Payment Solutions.

Source: <http://www.computerweekly.com/Articles/2005/09/09/211727/Publicfearfulofonlinetailfraud.htm>

## **Transportation and Border Security Sector**

11. *September 12, Associated Press* — **Rockslide kills three on Washington interstate.** A large rockslide crushed a car on Interstate 90 west of Snoqualmie Pass, killing three women and closing the busy highway to westbound traffic for more than half a day. Investigators believe the slide early Sunday, September 12, about 50 miles southeast of Seattle, WA, may have been triggered by recent rainfall. Geologists had not believed a slide was imminent in the area about two miles west of the pass, seeing other locations as higher priority, state Transportation Secretary Doug MacDonald said.  
Source: [http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/national/apus\\_story.asp?category=1110&slug=Deadly%20Rockslide](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/national/apus_story.asp?category=1110&slug=Deadly%20Rockslide)
12. *September 12, Associated Press* — **Virginia steps up security on ferry.** Thousands of motorists who use the Jamestown–Scotland Ferry can expect more stringent screenings this week, when the Virginia adds armed guards and thorough car searches. The stricter security comes as part of a one–year, \$1.3 million contract recently signed by the Virginia Department of Transportation and Securiguard Inc. Coast Guard officials had suggested stronger security on the ferry, which carries about 3,000 passengers a day during the busy summer months. Currently, ferries are required to search boarding cars by the Maritime Transportation Security Act, which was passed after the September 11 attacks. Starting Monday, September 12, guards are to be posted on both sides of the James River to check vehicles boarding the ferry. They will be authorized to arrest people, and the random searches of vehicles promise to be more painstaking. In some cases, guards may search trunks that appear weighed down, closed containers, trailers and campers.  
Virginia Department of Transportation:  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/comtravel/ferry-jamestown.asp>  
Source: [http://www.timesdispatch.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=RTD/MGArticle/RTD\\_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1031785004339](http://www.timesdispatch.com/servlet/Satellite?pagename=RTD/MGArticle/RTD_BasicArticle&c=MGArticle&cid=1031785004339)
13. *September 11, Chicago Tribune (IL)* — **Amtrak boosts fares to cover fuel costs.** Citing the high cost of diesel fuel, Amtrak said on Friday, September 9, that it would raise its train fares across most of the nation by at least five percent this month, but that its most frequent riders would face steeper increases. Amtrak said ticket prices would rise an average of four dollars in the Northeast and three dollars elsewhere on September 20. For commuters who purchase multitrip passes to ride Amtrak trains daily in the Washington–Boston corridor, however, the cost will rise by as much as \$375 a month.  
Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/chi-0509110444sep11.1.474799.story?coll=chi-newsnationworld-hed>
14. *September 10, Associated Press* — **Identification requirement waived for evacuees.** When Lulu Ballet decided it was time to leave New Orleans she went to the airport to catch a flight to Colorado. Like many other Hurricane Katrina evacuees she had no identification, just the clothes on her back. Since Katrina, the Transport Security Administration has suspended some of its security regulations, said spokesperson Carrie Harmon. "In this national emergency, we've had to make accommodations for the evacuees trying to get out, who through no fault of their own, do not have IDs," said Harmon. Evacuees were sent through a second security check.



During screenings at New Orleans Airport more than 82 firearms, 400 knives and 250 other prohibited items were seized, said Harmon. She said federal air marshal's were on each flight with evacuees. Baker and many other evacuees got new identity cards on Friday, issued by a first-of-its-kind North Central credentialing mobile unit run by the Denver, CO, Sheriff's Department and Aurora, CO, Police.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/4957022/detail.html>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

15. *September 10, United States Postal Service* — **U.S. Postal Service continues to restore mail services along the Gulf Coast.** The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) is now providing full delivery service to some 75 percent of residents and businesses affected by Hurricane Katrina. In Alabama, 100 percent of the Post Offices statewide are fully operational. In Mississippi, delivery and retail service has been restored to 87 percent of the state. In Louisiana, postal services have been restored to 30 percent of the state. Continuing efforts to reconnect displaced residents with their mail, USPS is urging customers to file a change of address form, according to Azeezaly S. Jaffer, Vice President of Public Affairs and Communications. This will allow hurricane victims to receive important emergency services information, financial aid, and medicines through the mail. To date, more than 87,000 households of affected residents have filed a Change of Address. Also during the last week, USPS has distributed more than 20,000 Social Security checks to residents at mobile locations in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Source: <http://www.usps.com/communications/news/serviceupdates.htm#>

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## **Agriculture Sector**

16. *September 12, Rapid City Journal (SD)* — **Agriculture industry vulnerable to attack.** Whether it's nefarious or natural, the introduction of a highly contagious animal disease could have a devastating effect in a state like South Dakota, where the agriculture industry is king. Sam Holland, the state veterinarian, says that was a concern years before the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Even before 9/11, Holland began to take action to help recognize and respond to outbreaks of foreign animal diseases by creating a corps of veterinarians and other experts across the state. He called 40 practicing and retired veterinarians, explaining it would take some commitment on their part to be trained and take part in drills that would involve such things as diagnosis, properly taking samples and issuing quarantines. All of them signed up. The corps has put their training to work with real-life natural incidents, such as West Nile outbreaks among horses. Source: <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com/articles/2005/09/12/news/local/news02.txt>
17. *September 12, Daily Bulletin (CA)* — **West Nile rate high for horses.** California horses infected with the West Nile virus appear to be dying at higher rates than horses in other states. Forty-two percent of California's 349 West Nile-infected horses either died or were euthanized so far this year. In Riverside County, 21 of the 38 horses that tested positive, or 55 percent, died

or were put down. Nationally, the death rate for horses infected with West Nile has been running at closer to 30 percent, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Riverside County reported the second highest number of equine cases in the state next to Stanislaus County, which tallied 39 cases as of Friday, September 9. The reasons behind the state's relatively high death rates remain matters for conjecture, said state Department of Food and Agriculture spokesperson Steve Lyle. The rates are higher, "but that's all we know," Lyle said.

California West Nile Virus Website: <http://www.westnile.ca.gov/>

Source: [http://www2.dailybulletin.com/news/ci\\_3021154](http://www2.dailybulletin.com/news/ci_3021154)

- 18. *September 09, Associated Press* — Farmers banned from using poultry antibiotic.** The first U.S. ban of a veterinary antibiotic due to concerns it could lead to antibiotic-resistant bacteria in humans will take effect Monday, September 12. Farmers will no longer be able to use the antibiotic Baytril, known generically as enrofloxacin, on poultry under a ban issued by the Food and Drug Administration. The ban on the drug ends a five-year battle between manufacturer Bayer, the FDA, poultry farmers, and advocacy groups who argue that the overuse of antibiotics could lead to strains of bacteria that no antibiotic can overcome. Baytril is in the same family as the popular drug Cipro, which is used in humans. The FDA ban does not apply to use of the drug in cattle and house pets. Baytril is distributed to chickens and turkeys through their water. It is used to treat respiratory infections.

Additional information is available from the FDA:

<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/news/2005/new01212.html>

Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/politics/126\\_04209.htm](http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/politics/126_04209.htm)

- 19. *September 09, Agence France Presse* — Denmark confirms 14th case of mad cow disease.** Denmark confirmed its 14th case of mad cow disease after a nine-year-old dairy cow in the northern Jutland region was found to have been infected with the brain-wasting illness, officials said. The Danish Institute for Food and Veterinary Research said a European Union laboratory in Britain had confirmed Danish suspicions that the now-dead cow had bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). "The cow came from a herd of 350 dairy cows. Before that it belonged to a smaller herd, also in Denmark," but which has since been dispersed, the institute's head of veterinary diagnostics, Kristian Moeller, said. Danish officials are keeping cows from the two herds under observation. Officials are also tracing the dead cow's offspring. Denmark recorded its first case of BSE in 1992 in an animal imported from Scotland. The other infected animals have all been born in Denmark.

Source: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050909/hl\\_afp/denmarkfarmmadcow\\_050909193312;\\_ylt=Amltfi4ha7UfINhMrwiSW7yJOrgF;\\_ylu=X3oDMTBiMW04NW9mBHNIYwMIJVRPUCU](http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20050909/hl_afp/denmarkfarmmadcow_050909193312;_ylt=Amltfi4ha7UfINhMrwiSW7yJOrgF;_ylu=X3oDMTBiMW04NW9mBHNIYwMIJVRPUCU)

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## **Food Sector**

- 20. *September 12, Associated Press* — Drug-resistant *Escherichia coli* spreads in England.** Strains of *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) bacteria that are resistant to most types of antibiotics and may be spread in food are increasing rapidly in England, the government's health agency said Monday, September 12. The Health Protection Agency (HPA) called for more research, saying

there is no reliable estimate of the number of cases involved and it is not certain how the bug is transmitted. In a report to a health conference in Warwick, central England, the HPA said the new E. coli strains produce an enzyme called Extended-Spectrum Beta Lactamase (ESBL) which makes them more resistant to antibiotics and therefore makes the infections harder to treat. In many cases, only two oral antibiotics and a few intravenous antibiotics remain effective. "Voluntary national surveillance of blood poisoning (in England) caused by E. coli from 1994 to 2004 indicates a recent increase in the numbers of infections that are multi-resistant and therefore likely to be ESBL-producing strains," said Dr. Georgia Duckworth, who compiled the report.

Additional information is available from the HPA:

[http://www.hpa.org.uk/hpa/news/articles/press\\_releases/2005/050912\\_esbl.htm](http://www.hpa.org.uk/hpa/news/articles/press_releases/2005/050912_esbl.htm)

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/09/12/AR2005091200358.html>

21. *September 12, Reuters* — **Japan decision on U.S. beef imports may be near.** The head of a panel considering whether to reopen the Japanese market to U.S. beef said on Monday, September 12, he would prepare a draft report on U.S. beef safety by the panel's next meeting, a comment that suggests a decision is near. The date of the next meeting has not been set, but the panel usually meets once or twice in a month. The panel, a subcommittee of Japan's Food Safety Commission, met on Monday for the sixth time since May when the Japanese government asked it to rule on the safety of U.S. beef and beef offal, which have been banned in Japan since December 2003 when a case of mad cow disease was discovered in the U.S. Without approval from the commission, the government cannot implement an agreement made last October with the U.S. to resume imports of U.S. beef and beef products. Before the ban, Japan was the top importer of American beef, with imports valued at \$1.4 billion in 2003. Tokyo has insisted that shipments cannot resume until the commission declares that U.S. beef to be exported to Japan under the agreed conditions is as safe as domestic meat.

Source: [http://today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=topNews&storyID=2005-09-12T075424Z\\_01\\_HO228434\\_RTRIDST\\_0\\_NEWS-MADCOW-JAPAN-DC.XML&archived=False](http://today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=topNews&storyID=2005-09-12T075424Z_01_HO228434_RTRIDST_0_NEWS-MADCOW-JAPAN-DC.XML&archived=False)

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## **Water Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Public Health Sector**

22. *September 12, Associated Press* — **Doctors watching Louisiana shelters closely for disease outbreaks.** Doctors from the federal government and the state of Louisiana are carefully monitoring people in dozens of shelters statewide for outbreaks of serious and infectious diseases. Short term, doctors are watching for signs of viral diseases that could be linked to exposure to the contaminated water in New Orleans. Long term, Commander Fransisco Averhoff of the U.S. Public Health Service says they're looking for the slow and silent killers,



like tuberculosis. Averhoff says some small clusters of viral illnesses have been spotted. A big concern is having sick people in a shelter where they are living in close quarters.

Source: <http://www.onnnews.com/Global/story.asp?S=3835498>

**23. *September 11, Washington Post* — Virus spreads in India, despite vaccines within reach.**

Over the last two months, hospitals in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh have been overwhelmed by Japanese encephalitis, a viral infection that has sickened more than 2,000 children and killed nearly 600. Japanese encephalitis kills nearly 30 percent of its victims, mostly children younger than 15, and leaves many of the rest with permanent neurological damage. The toll is all the more heartbreaking because the disease can be prevented by several vaccines, including one made in India and another, more effective version developed in the 1970s in China. In some respects, India should be well-equipped to contain the threat. Its pharmaceutical industry supplies life-saving medicines — including measles vaccine and anti-retroviral drugs used to fight AIDS — to much of the developing world; a government research institute has made a Japanese encephalitis vaccine for years. But the Indian vaccine is expensive, time-consuming to produce, and relatively short-lived in its effectiveness. Because the government has resisted importing better versions from China and elsewhere, or licensing their production at home, India has adopted what Julie Jacobson, a virologist, calls a "firefighting approach" to Japanese encephalitis, ramping up domestic vaccine production in response to each outbreak, by which time it is often too late.

Japanese Encephalitis information: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/jencephalitis/index.htm>

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/09/10/AR2005091001208.html>

**24. *September 11, Associated Press* — Indonesia probes possible case of bird flu.** Indonesia is investigating a possible human case of the bird flu virus after a 37-year-old woman died showing symptoms of the disease, the health minister said Sunday, September 11. If confirmed, this would be Indonesia's fourth human fatality from avian influenza. In July, Indonesia became the fourth country in Asia to record human cases, when a man and his two daughters died after contracting the H5N1 strain of the virus. Health Minister Siti Fadila Supari said blood samples from the woman, who died late Saturday, September 10, had been sent to Hong Kong for analysis. The results should be available in several days, she said. The virus has swept through poultry populations in large swaths of Asia since 2003, killing tens of millions of birds — and 62 people, most of them in Vietnam and Thailand.

Source: [http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/national/apscience\\_story.asp?category=1500&slug=Indonesia%20Bird%20Flu](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/national/apscience_story.asp?category=1500&slug=Indonesia%20Bird%20Flu)

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## **Government Sector**

**25. *September 12, Department of Homeland Security* — Statement by Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff.** President Bush on Monday, September 12, announced his intention to designate Chief David Paulison, Administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), to serve as Acting Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness and Response. Chief Paulison will also serve as acting director of FEMA. Chief Paulison has over 30 years of experience in emergency management,

working his way up the ranks from firefighter to Chief of the Miami–Dade County fire and rescue department. He is a former president of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and also served on a Defense Sciences Board advisory group providing local emergency response expertise to the military.

White House Personnel Announcement:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2005/09/20050912-1.h tml>

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=4801>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

**26. *September 12, Department of Homeland Security* — Highlights of the U.S. Government response and recovery to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.** Federal support to state and local officials and volunteer organizations continues around the clock in an effort to save lives, sustain life, and assist with law enforcement operations in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. The following facts highlight some of the activities and approximate numbers as of 2 p.m. EDT Monday, September 12: a) Households Funded: 364,000, b) Lives Saved (rescues performed): 49,800, c) People housed in shelters: 141,500, d) Meals–Ready–to–Eat (MREs) provided: 22.5 million, e) Water provided (liters): 53.3 million, f) The U.S. Department of Labor the creation of a new Website designed to connect workers impacted by the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina with employers who want to hire them, g) The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in coordination with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, posted water sample data from the New Orleans flood on the EPA Website, h) U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement delivered several thousand items of clothing to evacuees in Jackson, MS, with a pledge to deliver more items throughout the week.

Department of Labor's new Website: <http://www.ajb.org/>

EPA water sample data: <http://www.epa.gov/katrina/testresults/index.html>

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=4800>

**27. *September 12, AFX News Limited* — Ophelia storm prompts state of emergency in North Carolina.** Two weeks after Hurricane Katrina devastated the U.S. Gulf Coast, another storm, Ophelia, inched toward the east coast on Monday, September 12, prompting authorities to post storm warnings, ready troops and urge residents to leave isolated islands. The National Hurricane Center issued a warning for a 275–mile stretch from Enisto Beach, SC, to Cape Lookout, NC, — an arc of coastline that is home to hundreds of thousands of people. With winds receding on Monday morning, Ophelia was downgraded from a hurricane to a tropical storm. But the center said the storm could pick up force on Tuesday, September 13, and become a category one hurricane again. The governor of North Carolina, Mike Easley, declared a state of emergency, ordering the mobilization of 200 National Guard troops and the evacuation of coastal islands. The governor warned citizens to brace for a storm that would last for 24 hours or more. Everett Clendenin, spokesperson for North Carolina's Crime Control and Public Safety, said on Monday that four "strike teams" of National Guard, comprising 200 persons, had been readied, backed by four boat teams of rescuers. Evacuation procedures have been left to individual counties, according to Clendendin.

Source: <http://www.forbes.com/finance/feeds/afx/2005/09/12/afx221920 7.html>

28. *September 12, Business First of Louisville (KY)* — **MetroSafe regional emergency facility opens in Kentucky.** The first phase of Louisville, KY's, \$71 million MetroSafe initiative began Monday, September 12. MetroSafe combines Louisville's emergency–communications functions and allows emergency responders with various agencies in Louisville and surrounding jurisdictions to communicate with one another. The new MetroSafe facility serves as the central emergency–communications, 911 and dispatching hub for Louisville. The center joins Louisville Metro police, urban and suburban fire, emergency medical services, the emergency management agency and other public–service agency call–takers and dispatchers that previously had been based in four different locations. The MetroSafe facility also allows Louisville emergency responders to communicate with agencies in several other cities and counties. "MetroSafe provides the capability to serve as an emergency–communications hub for our entire region," said Doug Hamilton, director of MetroSafe and the Louisville Emergency Management Agency. Through the MetroSafe system, personnel in Louisville now are able to communicate with emergency workers from the Kentucky State Police, the Jefferson County Sheriff department and Indiana State Police. They also can communicate with Bullitt, Henry, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble counties in Kentucky and Clark, Floyd, Harrison and Washington counties in Indiana. The total MetroSafe initiative is expected to be complete in 2007.

Source: <http://louisville.bizjournals.com/louisville/stories/2005/09/12/daily7.html>

29. *September 10, St. Louis Post–Dispatch (MO)* — **Hindsite of Hurricane Katrina prompts re–evaluation of state emergency plans in Illinois and Missouri.** In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, agency officials across Missouri and Illinois say they'll reassess their disaster plans and training to help counter problems inherent in delays to help victims across the battered Gulf Coast. Commenting on Hurricane Katrina, Mark James, director of Missouri's Department of Public Safety, stated: "Those events alone immediately caused us to start looking here and say, 'How much of our current plans have we taken for granted...?'" James has ordered Missouri's state emergency coordinators to work with local emergency–response agencies to reassess plans for a major catastrophe. Illinois, on the otherhand, plans to reconfigure a major spring drill to include a scenario in which thousands of people have to be evacuated and sheltered. "We want to stress the plan to the point that we can find holes," said Mike Chamness, an Illinois Emergency Management Agency policy adviser. Amid all the angst over the preparation of all three levels of government, there are no widely accepted standards by which to measure the preparedness of any agency. Homeland Security has designated 300 "critical tasks" that emergency responders should be capable of doing, but the federal agency won't have a system to assess their preparedness until late 2008.

Source: <http://www.stltoday.com/stltoday/news/stories.nsf/stlouiscitycounty/story/108E31104FC3C1E486257078005E7C6A?OpenDocument>

30. *September 10, Charlottesville News Plex (VA)* — **Disaster drill prepares Virginia rescue officials.** Last weekend, rescue officials in Charlottesville, VA, got some extra field training in an effort to improve their response time during an emergency situations. A shot down plane engulfed in flames with its passengers sprawled across a field is the type of real–life scenario emergency responders were preparing for. "Obviously once a situation occurs, that's not the time to get fire and rescue and emergency teams organized and then hope that they can do the job," said Terri Dean, spokesperson for the Charlottesville–Albemarle Airport. The disaster

drill consisted of several field training exercises and involved more than 300 people, all to test local emergency response capabilities. Officials hope realistic emergency scenarios will help first responders develop more confidence for real incidents. "We're very confident in the response potential of our emergency responders and it's because of training like this," Charlottesville Public Information Officer Maurice Jones. The event was conducted to meet annual state emergency disaster drill requirements.

Source: <http://www.charlottesvilleplex.tv/news/headlines/1838947.html>

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## **Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector**

31. *September 12, New York Times* — **Oracle to acquire Siebel Systems for \$5.85 billion.** Oracle Corp. announced Monday, September 12, that it will pay \$5.85 billion to acquire longtime rival Siebel Systems, its largest competitor in the market for sales automation software, in a move that points to further consolidation in the software industry. Under the terms of the deal, which still requires the approval of shareholders, Oracle will pay \$10.66 in cash or stock for each share of Siebel stock, a nearly 17 percent premium over the company's \$9.13 closing price Friday. Siebel has \$2.24 billion in cash, reducing Oracle's net takeover cost to \$3.6 billion. Siebel has about 5,000 employees located in the company's San Mateo, CA, headquarters and throughout the world.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/09/12/business/12cnd-oracle.html>

32. *September 12, Washington Post* — **EBay to buy Skype.** Online auction powerhouse eBay Inc. will buy Luxembourg-based Skype Technologies SA, the world's leader in Internet phone service, for \$2.6 billion in cash and stock and potential future payments of as much as \$1.5 billion, the two companies announced Monday, September 12. The deal vaults eBay into the high-stakes world of telecommunications, which is rapidly moving away from traditional phone lines and toward services provided via the Internet. Although relatively unknown in the United States, three-year-old Skype is one of the fastest growing companies of any kind in the world, signing up 54 million users and dwarfing other Internet phone companies such as Vonage or Packet 8. Large cable and telephone companies, such as AT&T, Verizon and Comcast, also are starting to offer online phone service, known as voice over Internet. Skype calls are free, anywhere in the world, between users who have downloaded its free software. Making a call is like sending an instant message or an e-mail—all that is required is an Internet connection, a microphone for speaking and speakers or a headset for listening.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/09/12/AR2005091200374.html?sub=AR>

33. *September 10, Zone-H* — **Zebedee: DoS vulnerability.** There has been a denial of service vulnerability in Zebedee. This issue have been fixed in 2.4.1A. Analysis shows that the server crushes when "0" received as the port number in the protocol option header.

Source: <http://www.zone-h.org/advisories/read/id=8105>

34. *September 09, IDefene* — **GNU Mailutils 0.6 imap4d 'search' format string vulnerability.** GNU Mailutils could allow an authenticated attacker to execute arbitrary code. The

vulnerability specifically exists in the handling of SEARCH commands supplied by the remote user. Analysis shows that remote attacks could exploit the code and may allow access to unintended systems.

Source: <http://www.idefense.com/application/poi/display?id=303&type=vulnerabilities&flashstatus=true>, Security Focus  
<http://www.securityfocus.com/archive/1/410153/30/0/threaded>

35. *September 09, TechWeb* — **Microsoft opens security service beta to all.** Microsoft has recently opened the beta version of its new OneCare anti-virus service to all customers. The new consumer-oriented service includes anti-virus, anti-spyware defenses, two-way firewall protection, disk clean up, defragmentation tools, and file repair capabilities. OneCare also allows for automatic updates.

Source: [http://www.techweb.com/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=170701889 &cid=test1\\_rssfeed](http://www.techweb.com/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=170701889 &cid=test1_rssfeed)

36. *September 08, MSN* — **Katrina net scams multiplying, FBI warns.** There has been a significant increase in Internet sites purporting to be charities related to Hurricane Katrina. FBI assistant director Louis M. Reigel stated there were roughly 2,300 Katrina-related sites by midday Thursday. As of last week the FBI had received 250 complaints at its Internet complaint center about hurricane-related charities. Due to this the Justice Department has established a Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force that will focus on phony charities, identity theft, insurance scams and government benefit fraud.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/9229950/>

### Internet Alert Dashboard

#### DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis

**Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.**

**US-CERT Operations Center Synopsis:** US-CERT has received reports of multiple phishing sites that attempt to trick users into donating funds to fraudulent foundations in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. US-CERT warns users to expect an increase in targeted phishing emails due to recent events in the Gulf Coast Region. Phishing emails may appear as requests from a charitable organization asking the users to click on a link that will then take them to a fraudulent site that appears to be a legitimate charity. The users are then asked to provide personal information that can further expose them to future compromises. Users are encouraged to take the following measures to protect themselves from this type of phishing attack: 1. Do not follow unsolicited web links received in email messages 2. Contact your financial institution immediately if you believe your account/and or financial information has been compromised US-CERT strongly recommends that all users reference the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) web site for a list of legitimate charities to donate to their charity of choice. For more information and current disaster updates please see URL: <http://www.fema.gov/>

Current Port Attacks



<b>Top 10 Target Ports</b>	1026 (----), 445 (microsoft-ds), 6881 (bittorrent), 6346 (gnutella-svc), 7560 (----), 40000 (----), 135 (epmap), 25 (smtp), 53 (domain), 139 (netbios-ssn) Source: <a href="http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html">http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html</a> ; Internet Storm Center
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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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## **Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector**

- 37. *September 12, Associated Press* — Mount Rushmore balances tourism, security.** Park rangers at Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota have received new types of anti-terrorism training and taken other steps to tighten security in the four years since the September 11 attacks. But they also have worked to balance heightened security concerns with the needs of visitors to the memorial, said Chief Ranger Mike Pflaum. Since the Sept. 11 attacks, there has been no specific and credible threat at Mount Rushmore, said Pflaum. "There has been vague and general intelligence that has caused us to be concerned at Mount Rushmore where we have put ourselves on heightened alert, but nothing has occurred," he said. In the wake of Sept. 11, Mount Rushmore rangers along with others in the National Park Service received special training in weapons of mass destruction and use of M-16s. There are gas masks and suits for evacuations in case of a biological or chemical attack. "Nothing has happened, but in this line of work, if you have deterred something from happening, that's hard to quantify," Pflaum said.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/travel/destinations/2005-09-12-mount-rushmore-security\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/destinations/2005-09-12-mount-rushmore-security_x.htm)

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## **General Sector**

Nothing to report.

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